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D. DEPT (OC) OM 2/22/73 TO RCO BEIRUT

SUMMARY: REF A REQUESTED EMBASSY TO SUBMIT SOONEST SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GULF STATES. WE REMAIN CONCERNED OVER LACK OF ADEQUATE BACKUP COMMUNICATIONS IN KUWAIT SHOULD LOCAL TELEPHONES FAIL IN CASE OF EMERGENCY AND IN GULF AREA IF NECESSITY AROSE FOR URGENT COMMUNICATIONS WITH OTHER GULF POSTS. THIS MESSAGE REQUESTS SIX PORTAMOBILE TRANSCEIVERS AND SIX LONG- RAGE (50 MILE) TRANSCEIVERS FOR KUWAIT AND SSB TRANSCEIVERS FOR GULF POSTS. END SUMMARY

1. KUWAIT: IN REF B, EMBASSY REQUESTED SIX DUAL- FREQUENCY PORTA-MOBILE TRANSCEIVERS WITH NORMAL WHIP AND GUTTER MOUNT ANTENNAS FOR INTERNAL EMBASSY USE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. THESE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN CONTACT BETWEEN EMBASSY AND OTHER OFFICERS OFF COMPOUND IN CRISIS SITUATION. EMBASSY HAS NO RPT NO SUCH EQUIPMENT ON HAD FOR SUCH USE AT THIS TIME.

2. IN ADDITION ABOVE, EMBASSY HAS REQUIREMENT FOR REACHING ISLOATED
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AMERICAN COMMUNITIES OUTSIDE KUWAIT CITY. PREVIOUSLY EMBASSY HAS HAD USE OF KUWAIT OIL COMPANY (KOC) TRANSCIEVERS WHICH COULD COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH KOC, BRITISH EMBASSY AND MOBILE LOCATIONS. WITH INCREASED KUWAITIZATION OF KOC THIS CIRCUIT HAS RECENTLY BEEN DEACTIVATED FOR PURPOSES AND EQUIPMENT RETURNED TO KOC. EMBASSY MUST THEREFORE REPLACE THIS LINK WITH EQUIPMENT POWERFUL ENOUGH TO REACH NOT ONLY KOC IN AHMADI (25 MILES) BUT ALSO MOST DISTANT POSITION; I. E., GETTY OIL COMPANY COMPOUND AT MINA SAUD, 50 MILES FROM KUWAIT. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY NEEDS COMMUNICATION WITH AHMADI PORT, AMINOIL COMPOUND, AND LOCATIONS OUTSIDE CENTRAL KUWAIT CITY. THEREFORE, REQUEST SIX ADDITIONAL, MORE POWERFUL TRANSCIEVERS TO PROVIDE RELIABLE COMMUNICATION OVER FULL 50- MILE RANGE.

3. GULF AREA: IN REF C DEPARTMENT APPROVED PROGRAMMING OF HF RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR E& E PURPOSES AT BAHRAIN, ABU DHABI, MUSCAT AND POSSIBLY DOHA WITH CONTROL STATION IN KUWAIT. EQUIPMENT DESIRED IS KWM2 A SINGLE SIDE BAND TRANSCIEVERS WITH LINEAR AMPLIFIERS. EMBASSY AT PRESENT HAS NO MEANS OF DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH THESE POSTS EXCEPT TELEPHONE WHICH IS SUBJECT TO DELAYS AND BREAUEOWNS, ESPECIALLY AS CONCERNS ABU DHABI, MUSCAT AND DOHA (EMBASSY DOHA, OPENED MARCH 24). COMMUNICATIONS TO MANAMA CARRIED VIA USN FACILITIES AND SUBJECT TO DELAYS BOTH IN TRANSMISSION AND IN PHYSICAL DELIVERY OF MESSAGES FROM NAVE OFFICE TO EMBASSY. IN VIEW PRESENT EMERGENCY SITUATION IN GULF, REQUEST INSTALLATION OF THESE UNITS SOONEST. FYI: GULF NET NOT RPT NOT CONSIDERED ADEQUATE BECAUSE NOT ALWAYS GUARDED AND NOT ENTIRELY RELIABLE. END FYI.

4. RSO BIRMINGHAM CONCURS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST RSO AND RCO COMMENTS ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DEPARTMENT'S PROVIDING NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR INSTALLATION SOONEST. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED RE OTHER COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ALREADY PLANNED FOR GULF POSTS (REF C NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR).
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